

**Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT** Cllr S Smith (Chair), Cllr Mrs T Arnold, Cllr Mrs McAllan, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Lee, Cllr G Smith & Cllr Hughes (observing)

**OFFICER PRESENT** Debbie Hughes

**Member of Public** C MacRae (observing)

Cllr S Smith advised that although we always treat committee meetings differently to Full Council in as much as they are more relaxed, we must however remember to carry out our deliberations professionally and in line with our Standing Orders. To this end, we must not interrupt those who are already speaking and if anyone wants to speak they should do so through the Chair.

R.098/17-18	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were noted from Cllr Mrs M Slatter, Cllr Mrs T Williams.</p>
R.099/17-18	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> None</p>
R.100/17-18	<p><b>To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 Cllr S Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record with the following amendment to minute ref R.089/17-18 (c) should read "Cllr G Smith advised that there was a possibility that Cllr Steve Wilcox will be able to supply a van for transportation of chairs etc on the night." Seconded Cllr Mrs McAllan                      Vote unanimous                      <b>So resolved</b></p>
R.101/17-18	<p><b>Correspondence</b> (a) Star Fireworks – thank you (b) St James' PCC – Confirmation of churchyard closure The above correspondence were noted. (c) Bulletin – War Memorial – Cllr G Smith volunteered to read and report his finding at the next meeting. <b>Action – Cllr G Smith</b></p>
R.102/17-18	<p><b>Community Events</b> (a) Dog Show 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Cllr Mrs J McAllan advised there was nothing further to report at this stage, Mrs Hughes reported a problem with the toilet hire company who, despite requests, have not confirmed order. Cllr S Smith advised he would forward contact details of an alternative supplier. <b>Action – Cllr S Smith</b>  (b) Fireworks Cllr Pearce reported the following:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked everyone for their assistance</li> <li>• The event made a small profit this year.</li> <li>• Arrangements at the entrance gates worked well</li> <li>• Excellent display</li> </ul>           Next year's event  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider an increase in the float</li> <li>• Prepaid tickets worked well, try to increase the sale of tickets</li> <li>• Cllr S Smith suggested moving the date closer to the 5<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Hughes advised that Star Fireworks, the existing supplier, would not be able to change due to other major commitments. Cllr S Smith responded advising there is 12 months to find alternative companies. <b>Action – Town Office</b></li> </ul> </p>

<p><b>R.103/17-18</b></p>	<p><b>Playground Safety Reports</b></p> <p>(a) Druids Oak, Woolstrop Play Area and Bristol Road Recreation Ground - to consider any necessary action arising from the reports</p> <p>Druids oak: 05.12.17 : 12.12.17  Bristol Road Rec: 23.10.17 : 30.10.17 : 6.11.17 : 13.11.17 : 20.11.17 : 27.11.17  Woolstrop Play Area: 24.10.17 : 07.11.17 : 14.11.17 : 21.11.17 : 28.11.17</p> <p>The above safety reports were noted.</p> <p>Mrs Hughes advised that the safety reports are to report safety issues only, any other information should be raised at the meeting or through the Council Office.</p> <p>Mrs Hughes also reported a missing piece of apparatus has not been replaced due to the amount of vandalism currently experienced at the park, she pressed members for confirmation, or otherwise, whether this should now be reinstalled. Following discussions, it was agreed to address this again in the spring.</p>
<p><b>R.104/17-18</b></p>	<p><b>Quedgeley Nature Reserve</b></p> <p>(a) Safety Report – No safety report was received.</p> <p>(b) Report on progress – nothing to report.</p> <p>(c) To consider &amp; agree expenditure not exceeding £511.00 to supply and erect fence around pond.  Cllr G Smith advised, following a conversation with the Town Clerk, he felt the funds earmarked for this project could be better used and following discussion Cllr Pearce <b>PROPOSED</b> not to proceed.  Seconded Cllr S Smith                      Vote unanimous                      <b>So resolved</b></p> <p>(d) To consider &amp; agree expenditure not exceeding £180.00 to purchase hawthorn whips.  Mrs Hughes explained Gloucester Vale Conservation Volunteers are booked to undertake further work within the reserve, the Council Office has received a recommendation for whips to be planted at the entrance and enquired if the Council could fund their purchase  Cllr G Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> the above expenditure.  Seconded Cllr Lee                      Vote unanimous                      <b>So resolved</b>  <b>Action – Town Office</b></p>
<p><b>R.105/17-18</b></p>	<p><b>Budget 2017-18</b></p> <p>The budget sheet provided by the council office was noted and signed by the chairman.</p>
<p><b>R.106/17-18</b></p>	<p><b>Budget 2018-2019</b></p> <p>Mrs Hughes explained, budget items are required by January.  Cllr G Smith advised he would obtain the cost for a battery-operated PA system.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – Cllr G Smith</b></p>
<p><b>R.107/17-18</b></p>	<p><b>Allotments</b></p> <p>(a) Report on progress  Cllr G Smith declared an interest and reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> November – mulled wine evening went well</li> <li>• Hedgerow plants are being delivered next week</li> </ul>
<p><b>R.108/17-18</b></p>	<p><b>Quedgeley Cemetery</b></p> <p>To consider &amp; agree expenditure not exceeding £250.00 to clear, prepare ground and sow wild flower seeds</p> <p>The committee unanimously agreed not to proceed with the above expenditure and requested the council office to contact Derek (Moonbeam)</p>

